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SUSPECT APPREHENDED, EXTRADITED FOR ROLE IN 2009 HOMICIDE

The Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office has announced that thirty-two-year-old Ivan Tapia Ramirez has been apprehended in Mexico in connection with the 2009 murder of 16-year-old Tyler Tenorio in the city of Santa Cruz.

On October 16, 2009, Tenorio, a Junior at Santa Cruz High, was stabbed to death after he and his friends got into an argument with a group of gang members gathered outside the 7-11 convenience store at Chestnut and Laurel streets. Officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department responded and found Tenorio laying on the ground suffering from multiple stab wounds to his upper torso. Emergency medical personnel arrived and attempted to render aid to Tenorio, but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

After a thorough investigation and witness interviews, Santa Cruz Police Detectives identified Ramirez as a suspect connected to the murder. Ramirez, a citizen of the United States, fled the jurisdiction and was hiding in Mexico. The Santa Cruz District Attorney's Office, working with officials in Mexico, successfully extradited Ramirez back to the United States to face charges of murder. On February 24, 2019, Santa Cruz District Attorney Inspector Henry Montes, working closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, INTERPOL, and Mexican authorities, helped facilitate the capture of Ramirez from Mexico. Ramirez is currently being held in custody on charges of murder and is awaiting arraignment in Santa Cruz Superior Court.

Further information will be available at the following scheduled press conference:

DATE/TIME:	Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 11:00 AM
LOCATION:	"Coastlines" Conference Room (adjacent to the County Administrator's Office reception desk), Santa Cruz County Governmental Center, 701 Ocean St., 5 th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.
SPEAKERS:	Santa Cruz County District Attorney Jeffrey Rosell, Santa Cruz Police Chief Andrew Mills, FBI Asst. Special Agent-In-Charge Bert Fairries.